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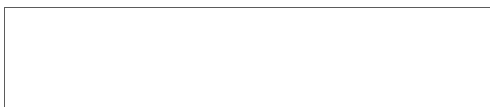
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IRAN-IRAQ: Lull in the Fighting

(Information as of 2300 EDT)

//Both sides appear to be regrouping after the heavy fighting of the past week, amid indications Iran is planning additional attacks at Al Basrah.//

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//Iranian commanders almost certainly are reassessing their tactics in view of their limited success thus far. The Iranians can choose to mass additional infantry and continue attacking the Iraqi defensive lines head-on or concentrate their forces opposite the flanks of the Iraqi positions. They probably will choose to focus more on the Iraqi flanks.//

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Soviet Commentary

In Moscow's first substantive comment on the current fighting, Soviet correspondents on a roundtable radio program Sunday noted the "very serious threat" that Iran's offensive could frighten the conservative Gulf states into requesting the US to send its Rapid Deployment Force to the area. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Moscow's failure to publish views similar to those expressed by the journalists in a more authoritative vehicle is indicative of Soviet concern not to affront the Iranians needlessly. [REDACTED]

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ISRAEL-LEBANON: Cease-Fire Violations

(Information as of 2300 EDT)

The cease-fire in Beirut was marred yesterday by shooting incidents in the Al Hadath - Al Laylakah area and by minor mortar attacks. Palestinian gunners fired at Israeli planes over West Beirut, and Israelis and Palestinians issued claims of other Palestinian actions. Jordan has called for a popular army to improve its defenses.

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The Galerie Semaan crossing in Beirut remained closed yesterday although residents could pass through the Museum crossing on foot. The city's domestic radio reported the kidnaping yesterday of the acting president of the American University by unidentified gunmen.

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The Israelis claim the total number of violations is now 50 and that Fatah's involvement is growing. Prior to this briefing, they attributed the majority of attacks to PLO splinter groups.//

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The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command claimed responsibility for the destruction on Sunday of an ammunition dump in northern Israel containing captured Palestinian weapons.

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Jordan Forming Popular Army

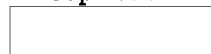
Jordanian Prime Minister Badran announced yesterday that King Hussein has issued instructions to begin work on the formation of a Jordanian Popular Army to defend

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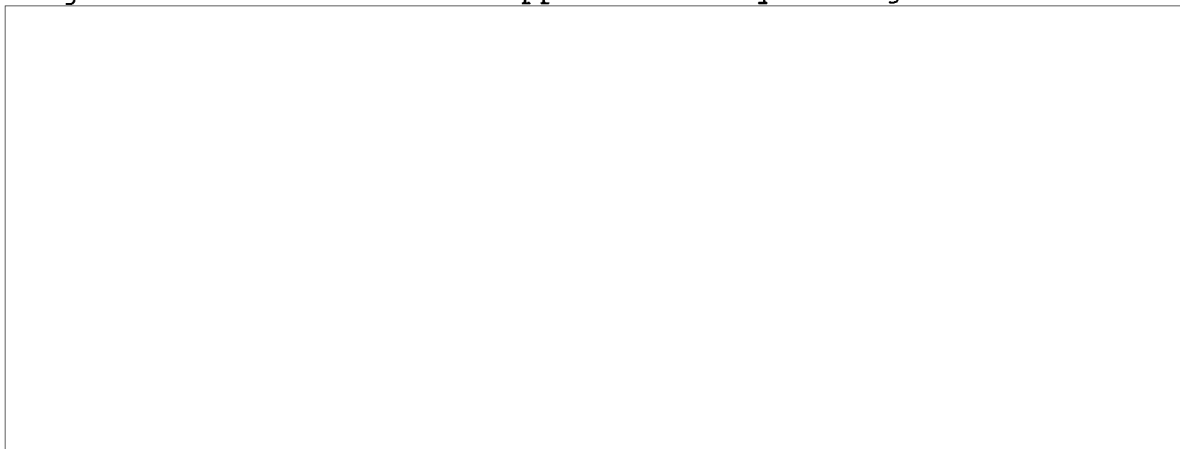


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the country from "outside aggression." The Jordanian armed forces headquarters has already started to call up a number of reservists for a training course to increase their efficiency and preparedness. A special committee from the armed forces also has been set up to study technical matters related to the training of all citizens in the use of arms. 

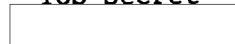
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Comment: The call for a popular army probably reflects Hussein's deep concern that Israel may try to resolve the Palestinian problem in Lebanon by advancing Defense Minister Sharon's plan to make Jordan the Palestinian state. The King also may be worried that if Iran succeeds in Iraq, Tehran may eventually take action against Jordan for its support of Iraq during the war.



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CAMEROON-US: President Ahidjo's Visit

President Ahidjo hopes his talks in Washington next Monday will underscore the excellent state of US-Cameroonian relations and strengthen his standing as a statesman at home and abroad.

Comment: The tough-minded Muslim President has provided Cameroon with effective, responsible leadership for over two decades. He has kept tribal tensions in check, preserved peace with his neighbors despite recurrent problems, and fostered a high rate of economic growth through careful development of agriculture and modest oil reserves.

The Cameroonian leader tolerates little domestic criticism, and the security forces keep opposition muted. Ahidjo, nonetheless, goes to great lengths to enlist the cooperation of political opponents and uses force only as a last resort.

The 58-year-old President appears to be in good health and has no plans to retire. He has taken steps, however, to ensure a peaceful transition of power to preserve Cameroon's moderate policies should he die or become incapacitated.

Ahidjo is wary of the USSR, Cuba, and Libya, although he has occasionally accepted some Soviet economic aid. [redacted] Libyan leader Qadhafi has made few inroads thus far with Cameroon's influential Muslim minority.

Cameroon's ties with France, its main trading partner and source of economic and military aid, remain strong. In recent years, however, Ahidjo has tried to reduce dependence on Paris to placate regional critics of French "neocolonialism." He has gradually expanded relations with the US and UK.

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BOLIVIA: Change of Government

President Torrelío announced his resignation yesterday and turned over power to a ruling junta of service commanders. The junta, in turn, appointed Army Chief of Staff General Vildoso as President. Vildoso is to assume the presidency tomorrow.

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Comment: Vildoso's government probably will not provide long-term stability. He does not command the full support of the military, although he does have backing from several key regimental commanders. The new regime probably will be too weak to institute the reforms necessary to alleviate the country's worsening economic situation and stem growing public unrest.

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SPECIAL ANALYSIS

ISRAEL: Countering Soviet Weaponry in Lebanon

//A preliminary analysis of Israel's invasion of Lebanon indicates its successes against Soviet surface-to-air missiles, T-72 tanks, and MIG fighters stemmed from a combination of superior equipment, personnel, doctrine, and tactics. During the first two days of the invasion, the Israelis reportedly disabled all Syrian SA-6, SA-2, and SA-3 SAM sites in Lebanon and in Syria along the Lebanese border. The Israelis also destroyed a number of T-72s and dominated the air war. Although the Israelis apparently suffered no aircraft losses, several aircraft were damaged.//

//Israeli tactics used against SAM sites in the Bekaa Valley and along the border involved the launch of Samson drones, which are augmented to resemble A-4 or F-4 aircraft on radar. The Israelis believed these drones--possibly combined with electronic countermeasures and chaff--would prompt the Syrians to operate their SAM radars, thus providing targets for the air-launched US Shrike and Standard ARM antiradiation missiles. F-15s and F-16s provided defense against Syrian air attack.//

//The Israelis obviously have learned from their previous experience with the SA-6 in the Sinai in 1973, when the missile proved highly successful. The Syrians had been trained with the successful Vietnamese tactic of bringing the radar on and off the air quickly, but they were unable to employ it because of the Israeli use of drones.//

//The Syrians also made the tactical error of not using the inherent mobility of the SA-6--they left many batteries in fixed positions for over a year. The Israelis consequently could develop familiarity with the terrain and missile locations and use this to their advantage.

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Encounters With T-72s

//Few details of the Israeli engagements with T-72 tanks are known. [] 20 to 25 T-72s were destroyed. Israel, however, has not claimed to have penetrated the front turret or the glacis on any T-72.//

//The Israelis may have used their 105-mm kinetic energy round, the US TOW antitank guided missile, an Israeli improved version of the TOW, or the Soviet Sagger antitank guided missile. All of these weapons can penetrate the top and side armor of the T-72.// []

//The Soviet Sagger may be able to penetrate the front and the glacis of the T-72, and the Israeli TOW probably can. Although Israel had tanks damaged in the battle, there is no specific information on the performance of the T-72's 125-mm gun against Israeli Merkava or US M-60 tanks.// []

The Air War

The Israelis' success against the Syrian SAMs was matched by their dominance in the air. In the first few weeks of the conflict, the Israelis downed at least 83 Syrian MIG fighters with no losses of their own. []

All of the Syrian planes apparently were shot down by F-15 or F-16 fighters. During one engagement on 10 June, as many as 60 Syrian MIGs were engaged by 12 Israeli aircraft with the resulting loss of at least 21 MIGs. []

Excellent coordination among Israeli aircraft and of air and ground control elements evidently was the key to Israeli dominance. Syrian aircraft were detected quickly--often just as they took off--by E-2C AWACS and RC-707 intelligence aircraft. This enabled Israeli fighters to react rapidly. []

In addition, Israeli pilots are better trained and are allowed much more initiative during air battles. The Syrians, who rely heavily on instructions from their ground controllers, were at a significant disadvantage when the Israelis jammed Syrian communications. []


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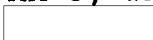
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Air-to-air missiles were the main armaments used in these battles. The Syrians had both infrared-guided missiles, the Soviet AA-2 and AA-8, and the Soviet AA-7 radar-guided missile. The Israelis used US AIM-9J and AIM-9L--Sidewinder--and Israeli-designed Shafrir 3 infrared-guided missiles, and AIM-7E or AIM-7F radar-guided missiles. 

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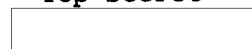
A breakdown of Israeli missile kills is not available, but the L model Sidewinder probably accounted for a large portion of them. The AIM-9L can be fired from any direction, freeing the attack aircraft from having to maneuver into position behind the enemy aircraft. This makes it superior to its counterparts, the AA-2 and the AA-8, which have to be fired from behind the target. 

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The F-15s and the F-16s also are more maneuverable than the MIG-21s and the MIG-23s and have better onboard electronic systems. The Syrians apparently did not commit any of their MIG-25s to these air battles. 

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